

Remarks

Support for the amendment

5 The amendment to claims 24-35, 53-60, and 84-93 add a definition of the term "query" to the claim. The effect of adding the definition is to make it clear that "query" has the same meaning in the claims as it has in the Specification. The definition is supported specifically at page 9, lines 12-19 of Applicants' Specification and generally by the fact that the queryable caches disclosed in the Specification are relational database management systems, and as is well known in the art, the SQL queries used in relational database systems are "able to specify a subset of the
10 dataset in terms of values in the dataset." The claim language of course specifies any query that has the logical property set forth in the definition, not merely an SQL query.

Patentability of the claims as amended

15 As pointed out in the Appeal Brief at page 17, line 14-page 18, line 10, Draper does not disclose a "queryable cache". As also pointed out at that location, "query is being used in its database sense". When the term "query" is used in its database sense, it has the property set forth in the language Applicant has added to the claim. The added language thus makes explicit what is already implicit in the language of claim 24 and makes it even clearer that Draper does not disclose the claim's "queryable cache". Since Draper does not disclose the "queryable cache",
20 claim 24 is patentable over Draper, as are independent claims 34 and 84

Conclusion

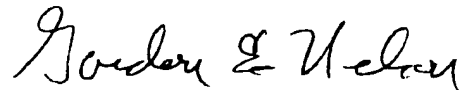
25 Applicants have amended their claims to put them in better condition for appeal, have shown that the claims as amended are fully supported by Applicants' Specification as filed, and have further shown that Applicants' claims as amended are patentable over the Draper reference. Applicants' amendment thus fulfills the requirements of 37 C.F.R. 1.116(b), and Applicants respectfully request that Examiner enter the amendment and if she finds that the claims as amended are patentable, that Examiner allow claims 24-35, 53-60, and 84-93 as amended and thus remove

those claims from the appeal.

No additional fees should be required for this amendment. Should any be, please charge them to deposit account number 501315.

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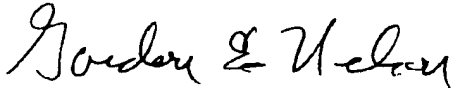
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